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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 5 as follows:

The two halves 102a-102b of the inner shell 102 and the components residing within are surrounded by the outer layer 104. In the first preferred embodiment, the outer layer 104 is provided by placing the assembled inner shell 102 and components into an injection mold or over-mold, and injecting a material into the mold. The material is heated such that it chemically bonds with the surface of the inner shell 102, forming a seal. The outer layer 104 is thus formed as a single piece that seals the contact region between the two halves 102a-102b of the inner shell 102. In the preferred embodiment, the material for the outer layer 104 is rubber or a flexible plastic, which not only seals and protects the inner shell 102, but also prevents the device 100 from sliding when hit or run over by moving objects. Also, the outer layer 104 can be of a color that enhances its visibility, such as a fluorescent color, a reflective color, or a retroreflective pigment. In some applications, the outer layer 104 may be a color that diminishes its visibility. Although the outer layer 104 is described as being provided using an injection or over mold, other means of providing the outer layer 104 may be used. For example, the outer layer 104 may be provided as two separate pieces, coupled by an o-ring. Ultrasonic welding, epoxy, or spinning the two pieces to create heat may be used to seal them, or some other coupling means may be used. In addition, although the outer layer 104 is described above as having windows 106, other configurations of openings for the purpose of allowing light to emit from the device 100 may be used. The outer layer 104 may be clear so that no openings in the outer layer 104 are needed to create windows.[[.]])

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 7 as follows:

An improved illumination device and system have been disclosed. The device comprises:

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a shell with a plurality of sides, where the device can be positioned upon a surface, attached or suspended at any of the plurality of sides; and at least one light-emitting device within the shell, where when the device is positioned upon a surface or attached or suspended at any of the plurality of sides of the shell, light from the at least one light-emitting device emits through each of the plurality of sides of the shell. The device is thus easy to deploy and use. Its design is compatible with outsourced manufacturing, allowing for cost savings. The device may be reused many times, and its external coloring may be made based on the application. The inventive device may also emit light for many hours longer than conventional devices. The inventive device has ruggedness that far exceeds conventional devices. Because the inventive device is sealed, it can be used where conventional devices and other lighting devices cannot, including underwater and in the presence of hazardous or flammable materials.[[.]]